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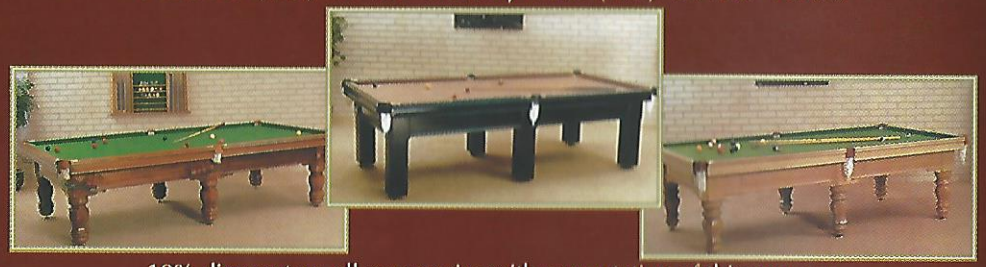

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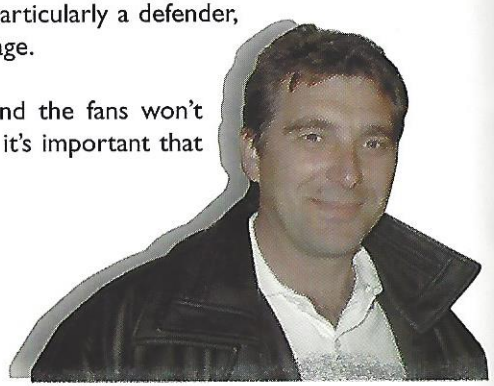
From the Moose's Mouth

Today is a big match for us, against our sister club Sydney United. The loss last week against South Melbourne was very disappointing, particularly after the two previous losses against Canberra and Wollongong. We never go into a game thinking that we are going to lose, and last week was no different, but at the end of the day we didn't show much fight.

This week,s preparation hasn't changed, we have kept to the same plan, and the only difference is that there will be a few changes on the park when the game kicks off. Young defender Antun Kovacic has been promising and could make his first full appearance, whilst Xhezair Sulemani is also likely to come back into the line up after making two substitute appearances.

There is no doubt that our squad is young and inexperienced, but it is time for us to string a few wins together, and get our season back on track. This could mean that we would be signing one or two experienced players, particularly a defender, however I can't mention any names at this stage.



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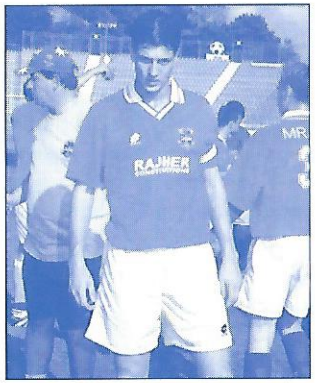
Knights news

Kovacic cleared to play

In our first match day program, we did not mention Antun Kovacic in the 'new faces at Knights Stadium' section, due to his transfer saga with the Preston Lions.

So for those of you that are unfamiliar with the young defender, here is a brief run down.

Antun Kovacic - The tall defender has undergone a frustrating pre season, after his former club, Preston Lions, attempted to hold onto the 19-year old for a further two seasons. This has meant that Kovacic has had to watch the Tynan Eyre Cup matches from the sidelines, whilst he was only allowed to play in practice matches over the pre season. Kovacic can play in the centre of defence as a stopper or as an overlapping left fullback. The former Chelsea Hajduk junior is an aerial threat from the set pieces, and is another tough tackler like Ognenovski.



Kovacic is the latest addition to the defence for the Knights.

Youth wins mid-week fixture

The Melbourne Knights Youth team won its mid-week fixture against the Preston Lions 4-0 at knights Stadium.

Captain Ivan Gelemanovic opened the scoring in the Round 4 fixture, with a vicious strike from the edge of the area that took a slight deflection.

Senior midfielder Josip Kozic doubled their lead after playing a neat double pass with Josip Loncaric before comfortably beating the keeper.

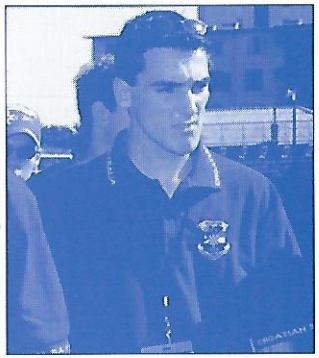
With a 2-goal buffer at the break, Jasmin Sehic put the result beyond doubt in the second half chipping the keeper.

Loncaric eventually got on the scoresheet late in the match, blasting home from close range after a goalmouth scrimmage for a 4-0 scoreline.

Keeper Robert Graskoski, Joey Rajher, Zoltan Zold and Kozic were the four senior players that played on Wednesday.

Klarica picked for Australia

Melbourne Knights Youth player Ivan Klarica has been chosen for this month's Australian Schools Soccer tour of the South Pacific.



Klarica will be representing the Australian schoolboys in the South Pacific.

Players and officials arrive in Sydney on Tuesday, 21 November, for two days of preparation before flying to New Caledonia on Thursday, 23 November, where the squad will play two internationals against that country's Under 20 and Senior teams.

A talented defender from Wellington Senior College in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs, Klarica departs New Caledonia for Vanuatu on Monday, 27 November, for three matches against the Vanuatu U20 team. The touring party consists of 16 players and four officials.

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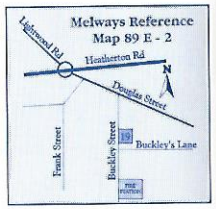

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Last week's match

Two first half penalty conversions from South Melbourne Captain Paul Trimboli sent the Melbourne Knights on their way to a 4-1 defeat in Round 5 of the National Soccer League.

The Knights had a good early chance when dynamic midfielder Andy Vargas beat two players on the edge of the penalty area, but his shot couldn't match his run, as Michael Petkovic saved comfortably in the South Melbourne goal.

The visitors were left to lament the missed opportunity as South Melbourne hit back at the other end, when they were awarded a penalty after Jason Vukadin brought down winger Con Boutsianis in the 15th minute, which Trimboli converted.

Referee Jeremy Blaney knocked the stuffing out of the Knights after 32 minutes, when he awarded South Melbourne a dubious penalty, after Sasa Ognenovski was alleged to have brought down Andy Vlahos in the area. Trimboli stepped up to calmly slot the ball past Lupce Acevski.

Steve Panapoulos put the result beyond reach in the 50th minute when he smashed the ball home after receiving a cut back from Trimboli.

Panapoulos was again involved in the fourth, when he released an unmarked Boutsianis on the left flank, who lobbed the hapless Acevski.

Xhezair Sulemani had his 73rd minute shot cleared off the line, but the Knights eventually pulled back a consolation with five minutes to play, when Toto Da Costa headed home an Alex Kiratzoglou corner.

South Melbourne	**4 - 1**	**Melbourne Knights**
Paul Trimboli 14' pen, 32' pen		*Toto Da Costa 85'*
Steve Panopoulos 49'		
Con Boutsianis 60'		

1 Michael Petkovic	20 Lou Acevski
3 Fausto De Amicis	3 Rody Vargas
4 Mehmet Durakovic	4 Sasa Ognenovski
6 David Clarkson (21 Massimo Murdocca82)	5 Jason Vukadin (13Antun Kovacic 53')
7 Steve Panopoulos (12 Richie Alagich82')	7 Josip Kozic (11.Xhezair Sulemani 8')
8 Vaughan Coveny (11.John Anastasiadis57')	8 Dragi Nastevski
9 Paul Trimboli	9 Joel Porter
10 Con Boutsianis	14 Paul Magdic
13 Andy Vlahos	16 Alex Kiratzoglou
16 Zeljko Susa	18 Andrew Vargas
19 Patrick Kisnorbo	22 Toto Da Costa

Referee: Jeremy Blaney

Cautions

Boutsianis 32'	
Petkovic 64'	*Vukadin 13'*

Antun Kovacic: Up and Coming Star

By David Davutovic

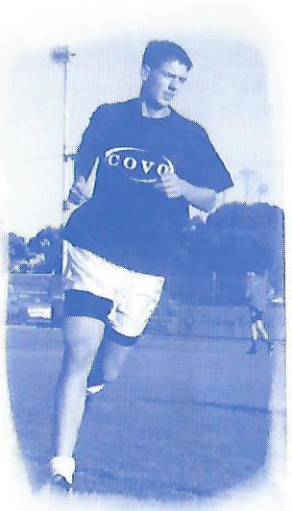
A three-month transfer saga involving the Melbourne Knights and Preston Lions was not the pre season Antun Kovacic was hoping for. But with the issue now resolved, the 19-year old has been given the opportunity to show his wares.

"There was no pressure, I didn't feel nervous," said Kovacic on his debut National League appearance against the Wollongong Wolves. "The fact that we were down 2-0 helped me I guess, because coming onto the pitch, there was no real expectation."

Kovacic replaced Ivan Zelic in the 65th minute without anybody really noticing, and although it might not have been the glamorous debut that he was hoping for, it was the an opportunity to see the youngster under a pressure situation.

Only two months ago, Kovacic's dream of playing for the Knights meant overcoming an unexpected hurdle.

The whole issue started when he returned from a trip to Croatia with the Croatian-Australian U/19 side, for the 'Kvarnerska Rivijera' tournament, where he attracted the attention of european talent scouts.



Kovacic captained the Australian team to fourth place in Croatia.

With his contract all but expired with the Lions, he commenced pre season at Knights Stadium. In the meantime, Preston decided to utilise an option within Kovacic's contract, that would keep him contracted at Preston for a further term.

"It was a really long process, and as it came close to the Tynan Eyre Cup, I found out I was ineligible. I was very frustrated, and this was obvious in my performances on the training track," recalled Kovacic.

"It was really hard staying motivated, knowing that I wasn't going to play. There was even a stage when I thought this wasn't going to be sorted out, and that I would be back at Preston, after they told me that they took up the option of another two years," admitted Kovacic.

The Knights were not going to let up on this young talent, and the case went to tribunal, with Kovacic cleared to play for his new team.

You have to wonder why the usual nerves that accompany a 19-year old when he makes his NSL debut were not apparent with Kovacic. Well, you just have to look back at his playing history.

At 15 years of age, the lanky defender made his senior debut for Chelsea in the State League Division 3, who were then coached by Vanis at the time.

He was a standout performer as Captain of the reserve side, and was rewarded with a handful of senior caps.

The following season he was the vice-captain of the Chelsea senior side and played in the role of sweeper.

With Vanis appointed senior coach of Preston for season 1999, he was quick to sign up young Kovacic, and at 17, he was a first team regular in the VPL, playing as a stopper alongside fellow Knight, Sasa Ognenovski.

After two seasons with Preston, Vanis believed his pupil was ready for the ultimate challenge, and recruited him into the Knights senior squad.

Kovacic at the recent 'Kvarnerska Rivijera' Soccer tournament in Croatia.

Therefore, we come to realise that young Kovacic is in fact no stranger to senior football, and more precisely, no stranger to the Vanis school of coaching.

"He's shown a lot more variety at the Knights," said Kovacic when asked about Vanis' style of coaching at Preston in comparison to the Knights.

Kovacic trained regularly with the Knights senior squad last season after Vanis' appointment, and he believes that it helped him adapt to the training demands of the NSL. "It helped me last year, but it was also bad in a sense, because when I returned to Preston training only three nights a week, my confidence, my fitness, and everything else went out the window," revealed Kovacic.

The current form slump at the Knights is simply down to inexperience believes Kovacic. "We watched last weeks game during the week, and it didn't show South Melbourne dominating in terms of chances," said Kovacic. "He (Vanis) pinpointed our lack of pressure individually, our positioning, poor finishing and discipline in the backline.

"It's not as if we're not creating chances, it's just that we're not putting them away and the opposition is punishing us by scoring first," said Kovacic.

Today's game against sister club Sydney United is a must win if the boys are to stay in touch with the early pace setters, and as Kovacic admits, "everyone just wants to get the respect back, no one likes getting beaten 4-1."

So don't be surprised if this tall, tough tackling young defender clutches a regular first team spot, and if history plays a part, he should have no trouble whatsoever.

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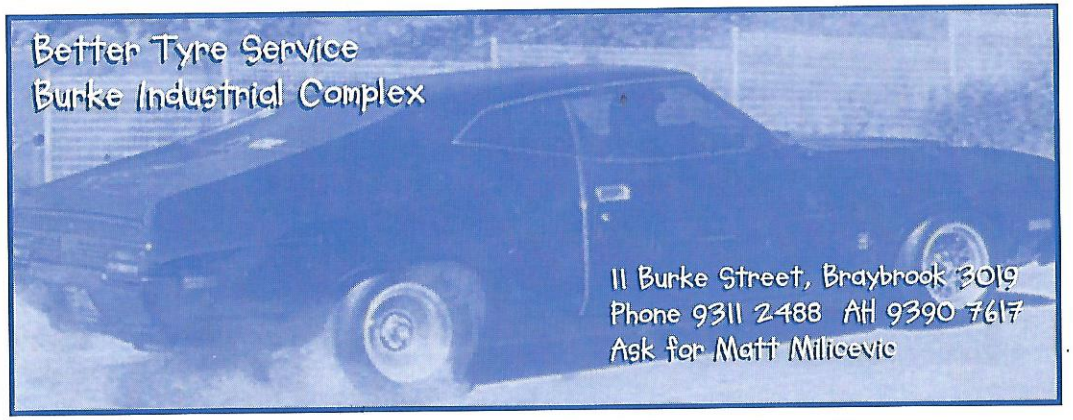

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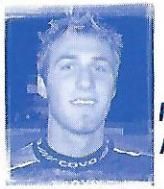

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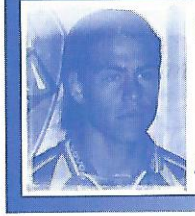

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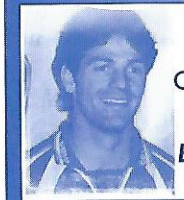

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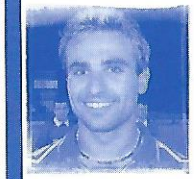

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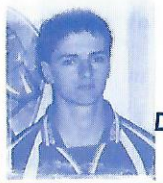

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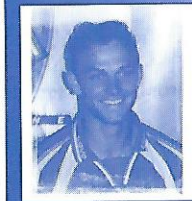

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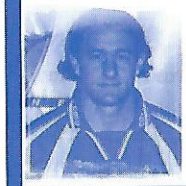

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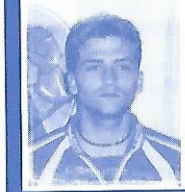

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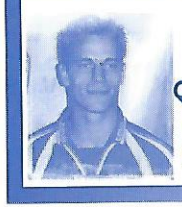

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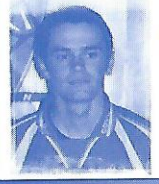

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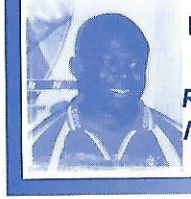

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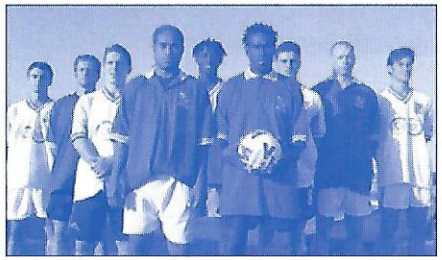


Sydney United's new brigade.

This time last season, Sydney United were still feeling the effects of Dave Mitchell's mass evacuation, which saw him along with fourteen other players from the previous year's grand final squad, transfer to Parramatta.

Dave Ratcliffe was at the helm to begin the campaign, and Ivan Petkovic concluded it, but neither was able to steady the ship.

Alan Hunter's appointment raised a few eyebrows in Sydney's soccer circles. With Hunter's inexperience, United's bottom placing last season and the NSL directors adamant that the league will be cut to 12 teams next season, it was no time for risk-taking at Edensor Park.

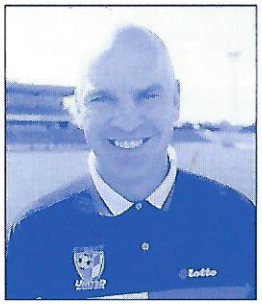
However, the bold move has so far paid off, and Hunter's ploy to add experience to a somewhat youthful squad, has paid dividends. Francis Awaritefe was supposedly over the hill, whilst Zlatko Arambasic couldn't even find a place in the Sydney Olympic line up, but Hunter's faith in these so-called 'rejects' helped the side to a 3-0 start to the season, before they lost to Carlton and drew to Marconi.

The added interest in today's match is generated from the former Knights brigade currently playing under Hunter. Mark Silic, Tom Pondeljak and Awaritefe all commenced their NSL careers at the Knights.

Pondeljak has transformed his career, after a relatively disappointing season by his standards in 1999/2000. This season he's been the supplier of numerous crosses that have found the head of Arambasic and Awaritefe. Luckily for the Knights, both Arambasic and Pondeljak will be missing today.

After winning the first three matches, Hunter is now under pressure to continue the winning sequence. After all, the United fans are demanding.

Alan Hunter - NSL coaching career



Hunter has so far proved the critics wrong.

Matches: *5*
Clubs: *Sydney United*
Record: *3 wins, 1 draws, 1 loss*

Sydney United coach Alan Hunter was born in Northern Ireland, and came through the Acacia Bridge (Brisbane) junior ranks. He played 343 games and scored 54 goals in the NSL for Brisbane Lions, Heidelberg, Sydney United, Parramatta Eagles, Brisbane Strikers and Carlton between 1983 and 1997.

Hunter played ten games and scored one goal for the Socceroos between 1986 and 1988. He won the NSL championship as a player with Brisbane Strikers in 1996/97, when ironically, they defeated Sydney United at Suncorp Stadium.

He played for New South Wales state league club Manly in 1999.

Today's match

By Lance Jenkinson

HEAD TO HEAD (Overall):

Played:	**31**
Knights wins:	**14**
United wins:	**8**
Draws:	**9**

HEAD TO HEAD (in Melbourne)

Played:	**15**
Knights wins:	**7**
United wins:	**3**
Draws:	**5**

Today the mighty Reds face a vastly improved Sydney United outfit who are sitting in third place on the ladder with 3 wins and a draw from their five matches. The 1999-2000 season was one to forget for United who lowered their colours and finished with the wooden spoon after being runners up to South Melbourne in 1998-99.

The new millennium marks a new start for United. They started by changing their club nickname from the Pumas to the Bravehearts, a name that typifies the team's start to the new season.

Alan Hunter has stepped in to take over the coaching reigns from Ivan Petkovic and has made an impressive start in his debut season.

On the field, the Bravehearts signed nine new players in the off season. Their attack was boosted significantly with war-horses Francis Awaritefe signing from Marconi and Zlatko Arambasic from Sydney Olympic. The pair have six goals between them this season and form one of the most lethal attacking partnerships in the NSL.

Former Knight Tom Pondeljak and Zlatko Arambasic will be missing from United's frontline today.

The good news for the Knights' defence which has let in none less than 9 goals in the past three matches is that Arambasic will be missing with a hamstring injury, whilst Tom Pondeljak is getting married this weekend.

Commins Menapi, who has played up front in recent weeks, is likely to take over from Arambasic as the second striker for today's match, in the absence of Pondeljak.

The Bravehearts defence has been strengthened by the inclusions of Danny Burt (from Canberra), Richard Plesa (Northern Spirit) and Damien Foxe. Burt has been a good pick up for United. He's tough as nails, and is always willing to give 100% for his teammates.

The midfield boasts a pair of former Knights', Tom Pondeljak and Mark Silic. Silic joined from the Knights' at the start of the season. Nahuel Arrate and Captain Aytec Genc join the former Knights' pair in the midfield. Genc scored a cracking equaliser in the Bravehearts 2-2 draw at home to Marconi.

On the Knights' front, Coach Vlado Vanis expects to welcome back Adrian Cervinski and Xhezair Sulemani to the starting eleven after he has made a full recovery from a hamstring injury. This could mean either Joel Porter or Toto Da Costa will have to start on the bench. The Knights' will be looking to end a terrible run of three losses on the trot and more significantly a 4-1 hiding to cross town rivals South Melbourne.

Ivan Zelic could slot into the midfield after Vanis dropped him for the derby match against South Melbourne.

United have shown they will be serious contenders for a top six berth this season and the Knights' are desperate to get a win on the board. The match is certain to be a hard fought contest.

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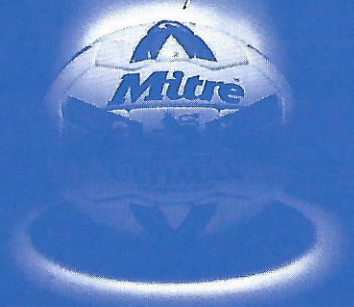

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National Youth Leaue

By Roy Hay

A small crowd at Bob Jane Stadium last Monday night was treated to a goal fest as the Melbourne Knights went down 4-3 to South Melbourne Institute in the Round Three National Youth League (Southern Division) encounter.

In a high-class game, Goran Lozanovski, who has just returned from a leg unjury, put South in the lead in the 13th minute. The Knights' Josip Loncaric equalised in the 25th minute from a layoff by Anthony Pelikan.

The Knights made it 2-1 in the 28th minute when Jure Radosevic unleashed a shot just inside the box after a cutback from Hrvoje Matkovic.

South scored their second after 39 minutes through Steve Manceski to make it 2-2 as the two sides went into the break.

Jasmin Sehic put the Knights back in the lead after 62 minutes when he cut inside the box, with his shot hitting the post and sneaking past South's goalkeeper Chris Jones, who was a substitute in last week's senior match against the Knights.

South Melbourne equalised in the 73rd minute, again through Manceski, and at 3-3, the match was set for a grandstand finish.

Dimitri Tsiaras sealed the game for the home side seven minutes from the end with a clever finish.

Knights Youth coach Luciano Trani was disappointed after the match, and insisted that a draw might have been a fair result against the Jeff Olver trained South Melbourne.

Southern Division 2000-01 ~ Round Three

Friday 10 November 2000
Melbourne Knights Academy 0
Carlton 5
(Daniel Debevc 3, Ivo de Jesus, Isyan Erdogan)

Saturday 11 November 2000
Victorian Institute of Sport 6
(Sammy de Vito 2, Vito Ceniti, Brendan Beni, Kristian Sarlies, own goal)
Albury Wodonga 1
(Mario Antonelli)

Green Gully 1
Name Not Supplied
South Dandenong 1
(Victor Memeti)

Sunday 12 November 2000
Eastern Pride 4
(Denis Mustac 2, Milos Petrevski, Juan Nilo)
South Melbourne Eagles Academy 0

Carlton Peninsula Blues 4
(Carlo Malina 2, Nick Waite, Jose Virquez)
Bulleen Zebras 0

Monday 13 November 2000
South Melbourne Institute 4
(Steve Manceski 2, Goran Lozanovski, Dimitriou Tsiaras)
Melbourne Knights 3
(Josip Loncaric, Jasmin Sehic, Jure Radosevic)

Leading Goalscorers Southern Division
4 goals:
Nick Waite (Carlton Peninsula Blues)
Carlo Malina (Carlton Peninsula Blues)

3 goals:
Daniel Debevc (Carlton)
Denis Mustac (Eastern Pride)
Victor Memeti (South Dandenong)

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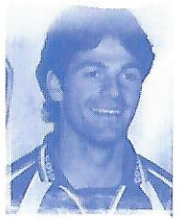
Key match-ups

By David Davutovic

SASA OGNENOVSKI V FRANCIS AWARITEFE

Francis Awaritefe has virtually resurrected his career at United under Alan Hunter. Many thought his career was over after struggling in his past few seasons at Marconi, however the former Knight has paid back Hunter after showing enormous faith in him. Sasa Ognenovski is at the opposite end of the scale and in his first season in the National Soccer League, he has so far proved that he can match the physical demands. The tough man of the Knights squad will be up against the grandaddy of the NSL, and he will have to play tight if he's to stop Awaritefe adding to his tally of 3 goals this season.



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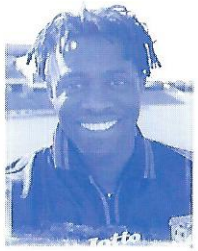

ANDY VARGAS V AYTEK GENC

Andy Vargas and Aytek Genc are the respective playmakers for their sides. Vargas has been in fine form this season, not only getting on the scoresheet, but orchestrating many Knights attacks. Likewise, Genc has taken up the responsibility of captaincy and produced some of the best soccer of his career. Both have great midfield foils in Alex Kiratzoglou and Mark Silic, and although Vargas and Genc probably won't be direct opponents, both will be pulling the strings in the midfield.

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ADRIAN CERVINSKI V RICHARD PLESA

Adrian Cervinski is likely to line up for his first senior appearance of the season, whether it will be as a starter or a substitute is as yet unclear. Cervinski was phenomenal in an attacking role last season, and his experience will help the likes of Joel Porter, Toto Da Costa and Xhezair Sulemani. Richard Plesa has returned after a stint at Parramatta Power, and his leadership has helped United to a solid start to season 2000/01. Playing at sweeper, Plesa is also unlikely to man-mark Cervinski, however he will no doubt be attempting to foil numerous Cervinski attacks as he fends off his other opponents.

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Bert's Beef

By Bert van Bedaf

It had to happen or did it not? If, when, there's going to be a national league second division, and the jury is still out out that one, a salary cap may well be part of the program to keep costs down.

The Victorian Soccer Federation has already taken a lead by introducing a salary cap for the Victorian Premier League and division one of the State League from next season.

"The decision acknowledges the current cost pressures at club level and recognises the reality of the sponsorship market at this level of our sport," VSF chief executive Geoff Miles told clubs last month.

VPL clubs will have a ceiling of $85,000 for the season and the State League a limit of $40,000 for player payments. Coaches are not included in the salary cap.

"The player payments cap has been introduced to reduce the pressure on clubs of player payments and to assist clubs to meet their financial obligations to councils, to develop and improve facilities and to commit additional expenditure to junior development," Miles said.

The salary cap will operate under strict guidelines and rules.

Payment, according to the rules, will mean "any payment, consideration, advantage or other benefit directly or indirectly given or provided to or applied for the benefit of the player".

Clubs will be required to lodge with the VSF a signed contract for each player and a statutory declaration stating that all payments specified in player agreements are correct.

Each club auditor will be required to supply a total player payments schedule for the season and an audit certificate confirming the player payment schedule complies with the rules.

Players will be required to provide a declaration of interest with associates, trusts and private companies.

Clubs will be penalised, if they are found to have breached the cap and players will be deregistered if found in breach of the rules, "unless the player assisted in divulging the breach," Miles told clubs.

A salary cap won't be to any club's liking. There're sure to be clubs who'll be in favor of limiting player payments, but just as certainly there will be clubs, with plenty of cashflow, who won't be at all happy with the ruling and conditions and might mount a challenge.

Especially, since the Victorian or any other State scene is not a closed competition. With promotion and relegation a major factor, also when a second national division is going to bridge the gap between national and state competitions, the difference between winning or losing a top player might be incentive, which won't be helped by caps on player payments.

Bert is Victorian editor of Australian & British Soccer Weekly and soccer writer for Leader Newspapers.

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Fixtures: Rounds 6-30

ROUND	DATE	TEAMS	KICK OFF	VENUE
6	19/11/00	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Sydney United	6.00pm	Knights Stadium
7	26/11/00	Sydney Olympic Vs **Melbourne Knights**	6.00pm	Belmore Sports Grnd.
8	03/12/00	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Eastern Pride	**5:00pm**	Knights Stadium
9	08/12/00	Kingz Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:30pm	Ericsson Stadium
10	17/12/00	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Northern Spirit	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
11	22-12-00	Adelaide City Force Vs **Melbourne Knights**	8:00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
12	30-12-00	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Perth Glory	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
13	07-01-01	Carlton Vs **Melbourne Knights**	TBA	TBA
14	14-01-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Marconi Stallions	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
15	19-01-01	Newcastle Breakers Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:30pm	Breakers Stadium
16	28-01-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Brisbane Strikers	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
17	02-02-01	Parramatta Power Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:30pm	Parramatta Stadium
18	11-02-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Canberra Cosmos	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
19	17-02-01	Wollongong Wolves Vs **Melbourne Knights**	6:30pm	WIN Stadium
20	25-02-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs South Melbourne	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
21	04-03-01	Sydney United Vs **Melbourne Knights**	4:00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre
22	11-03-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Sydney Olympic	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
23	17-03-01	Eastern Pride Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:00pm	Mobil Park
24	25-03-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Kingz	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
25	30-03-01	Northern Spirit Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:30pm	North Sydney Oval
26	08-04-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Adelaide City Force	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
27	14-04-01	Perth Glory Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:00pm	Perth Oval
28	22-04-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Carlton	6:00pm	Knights Stadium
29	25-04-01	Marconi Stallions Vs **Melbourne Knights**	7:00pm	Marconi Stadium
30	29-04-01	**Melbourne Knights** Vs Newcastle Breakers	3:00pm	Knights Stadium

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Review - Round 5

Wollongong Wolves 2 (S Young 31', pen 77')
Brisbane Strikers 1 (M Horsley 85' og)
Venue: WIN Stadium
Crowd: 4,075

Northern Spirit 0
Newcastle United 0
Venue: North Power Stadium
Crowd: 6,312

Parramatta Power 2 (J Griffiths 30', 60')
Canberra Cosmos 3 (M Phillips 50' pen, J Angelucci 64', A Castro 90')
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Crowd: 3,257

Sydney United 2 (T Pondeljak 49', A Genc 80')
Marconi Stallions 2 (R Bove 50', B Farah 73' pen)
Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre
Crowd: 6,825

Eastern Pride 2 (D Watkins 60', J Hutchinson 66')
Perth Glory 3 (D Mori 36', S Pryce 53', B Maloney 56')
Venue: Mobil Park
Crowd: 1,846

South Melbourne 4 (P Trimboli 14' pen, 32' pen, S Panopoulos 49', C Boutsianis 60')
Melbourne Knights 1 (T Da Costa 85')
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium
Crowd: 10,623

Sydney Olympic 3 (D McPherson 11' og, K Marusic 36', G Goutzioulis 73')
Carlton 0
Venue: Belmore Sports Ground
Crowd: 6,643

Kingz FC 0
Adelaide City Force 1 (G Lagati 80'))
Venue: Ericsson stadium
Crowd: 6,975

NSL Ladder

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	**Sydney Olympic**	5	3	2	0	+8	11
2	**Wollongong Wolves**	5	3	2	0	+3	11
3	**Sydney United**	5	3	1	1	0	10
4	**South Melbourne**	5	2	2	1	+4	8
5	**Northern Spirit**	5	2	2	1	+3	8
6	**Carlton SC**	5	2	2	1	+2	8
7	Marconi Stallions	5	2	2	1	+2	8
8	Perth Glory	5	2	2	1	+1	8
9	Canberra Cosmos	5	2	1	2	+2	7
10	Kingz FC	5	2	0	3	0	6
11	Parramatta Power	5	2	0	3	0	6
12	Melbourne Knights	5	2	0	3	-5	6
13	Adelaide City Force	5	2	0	3	-5	6
14	Brisbane Strikers	5	1	1	3	-2	4
15	Newcastle United	5	0	2	3	-8	2
16	Eastern Pride	5	0	1	4	-5	1

Leading Goalscorers:

Archie Thompson	(*Carlton*)	5	Joel Griffiths (*Parramatta Power*)	3
Tim Stevens	(*Kingz FC*)	4	Bradley Hassell (*Adelaide city*)	3
Zlatko Arambasic	(*Sydney United*)	3	Greg Owens (*Sydney Olympic*)	3
Francis Awaritefe	(*Sydney United*)	3	Paul Trimboli (*South Melbourne*)	3
Ben Burgess	(*Northern Spirit*)	3	Stuart Young (*Wollongong Wolves*)	3

Knights Abroad

- ***MARK VIDUKA*** was replaced in the 77th minute, but not before scoring the game's opening goal in the 62nd minute, as Leeds United drew 1-1 away to Chelsea. It was Viduka's 11th goal of the season and 10th goal in only 9 Premiership appearances making him the League's top goalscorer with Chelsea's Hasselbaink. Spanish giant Barcelona has reportedly weighed in with a bid for Viduka. The deal, which also involves Viduka's Leeds team-mate Paul Robinson, is reputed to be for 17 million pounds.

He also played a full match as Leeds United drew 1-1 away to AC Milan, to finish Group H in 2nd place, to qualify for the second phase. Leeds has now been placed in another tough group for the second stage of the Champions League, drawn in Group D with Cup holder Real Madrid (Spain), Lazio (Italy) and Anderlecht (Belgium), with the first group match against Real Madrid on November 22.

- ***DANNY TIATTO*** missed Manchester City's clash with West Ham over the weekend, due to suspension. However the midfielder, who will be in Glasgow this week as part of Australia's squad to take on Scotland, will be hoping his absence is a short one. The derby between City and United is set down for next weekend and his family having flown in from Melbourne to watch it.

- Goalkeeper ***VILSON KNEZEVIC*** played a full game, as Germinal Beerschot lost 2-0 at home to Charleroi in the Belgian 1st Division.

- Livewire striker ***JOE SPITERI*** has again succumbed to the ankle injury which has seen him play only sporadically this season, for Belgian club side Lierse.

- Championship goalkeeper ***FRANK JURIC*** remained on the bench, as Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) drew 0-0 away to Sporting Clube de Portugal, to finish Group A in third place. Leverkusen have consequently been eliminated from the Champions League, but placing the Club in the UEFA Cup, to play AEK Athens (Greece) on November 23.

- ***NED ZELIC***, brother of Knights midfielder Ivan, played a full game as TSV 1860 Munich (Germany) beat Halmstads BK (Sweden) 3-1 at home, to advance to the next round 5-4 on aggregate. 1860's third round opponent will be Parma AC (Italy) on November 23. He also played a full match in the German Bundesliga as 1860 Munich drew 2-2 with Wolfsburg at home.

- Former North Geelong Warriors midfielder ***JOSIP SKOKO*** played a full game, as Racing Genk (Belgium) lost 5-2 at home to Werder Bremen (Germany), to be eliminated from the UEFA Cup, 9-3 on aggregate. Skoko also played the full 90 minutes, as Racing Genk lost 2-0 away to Moeskroen.

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"It was a carbon copy of the Wollongong match, where our defence made two catastrophic mistakes in the first half."
- Coach Vlado Vanis on last week's loss to South Melbourne

"We can only use youthfulness as an excuse for so long."
- Team manager John Sigur in the post-match press conference last week.

"We've now got the worst defensive record in the league and it's all the harder to take because I was a defender all my life."
- Vanis after conceding four goals last week.

"Not many teams come away from here (Knights Stadium) playing swash-buckling football."
- Coach Ron Corry on Wollongong's 2-1 win over the Knights a fortnight ago.

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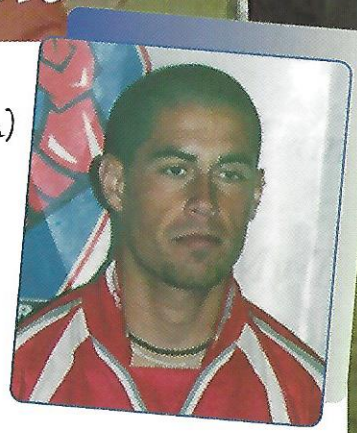

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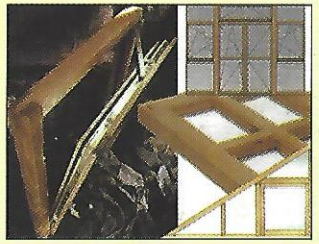
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